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(54) Title: MEDIUM FOR CULTURE OF MAMMALIAN CELLS

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(57) Abstract

The invention provides serum-free media for the culture of mammalian cells comprising a synthetic basal medium designed for mammalian cell culture; about 0.1 to about 10 grams per liter hydrolyzed yeast; about 0.1 to about 5 grams per liter of dextran or albumin; about 2 to about 20 milligrams per liter insulin; 0 to about 100 milligrams per liter of a compound selected from the group consisting of transferrin, ferric fructose, ferrous citrate and ferrous sulfate; and a fatty acid component consisting of oleic acid, linoleic acid and linolenic acid in a ratio of about 0.6: 1: 0.14 milligrams of fatty acid per liter.

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MEDIUM FOR CULTURE OF MAMMALIAN CELLS

Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to the field of cell culture media. More particularly the invention relates to the 5 field of mammalian cell culture media.

Background of the Invention

Beyond a basal nutrient mixture of salts, sugars, amino acids, and vitamins, cells in vitro have also been found to require for proliferation a supplement of poorly defined 10 biological fluids or extracts. Because of availability and ease of storage, the most commonly used supplement is serum.

The use of serum in cell culture media, however, has several disadvantages. Serum is comparatively expensive. Since serum is not a defined component, different lots of 15 serum may vary in the concentration of compounds present and thus result in unpredictable culture growth. Serum may also be contaminated with viruses or mycoplasms. The protein in serum may complicate the purification of cell products from the culture medium.

In efforts to overcome the disadvantages of serum containing medium, researchers have attempted to provide by substituting or better defined serum-free media characterized components for serum. Unfortunately, the complexity of serum and the differing growth requirements of 25 different types of cells has made it difficult to provide such For reviews on serum-free media for mammalian cell culture see Rizzino et al. (1979) "Defined Media and the

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Determination of Nutritional and Hormonal Requirements of Mammalian Cells in Culture" Nutrition Reviews 37: 369-378; Barnes and Sato (1980) "Serum-free Cell Culture: a Unifying Approach", Cell 22: 649-655; Barnes and Sato (1980) "Methods 5 for Growth of Cultured Cells in Serum-Free Medium", Analyt. Biochem. 102: 255-270; and Bodeker et al. (1985) "A Screening Method To Develop Serum-Free Culture Media For Adherent Cell Lines", Develop. Biol. Standard. 60: 93-100.

U.S. Patent 4,786,599 issued November 22, 1988 to 10 Chessebeuf and Padieu discloses a serum-free animal tissue culture medium containing a mixture of six fatty acids and albumin or dextran. The medium is particularly adapted for the primary culture of rat liver epithelial cells and possibly in the presence of hormones and/or growth factors, for 15 obtaining cell lines, in particular myeloma and hybridoma cell lines.

Media for the serum-free culture of Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO) have been reported. Gasser et al (1985) In Vitro Cellular & Developmental Biology 21: 588-592 discloses 20 a serum-free medium for the culture of CHO cells. The serumfree medium is composed of a 1:1 mixture of Ham's F12 and modified Eagle's minimum essential media supplemented with transferrin, insulin, and selenium. Mendiaz et al. (1986) In Vitro Cellular & Developmental Biology 22: 66-74 discloses a 25 serum-free medium for the culture of CHO cells composed of a basal medium supplemented with insulin, and ferric sulfate or transferrin, selenium, trace elements, calcium chloride, glutamine, linoleic acid, non-essential amino acids, and insulin.

Pietrzkowski et al (1988) Folia Histochemica et Cytobiologica 26: 123-132 report a serum-free medium for the culture of chick embryo cells containing dextran. Pietrzkowski and Korohoda (1988) Folia Histochemica et Cytobiologica 26: 143-154 report a serum-free 35 containing dextran for the culture of chick fibroblasts. In these two publications, the dextran was added to the medium to enhance cell attachment and spreading.

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Ohmori (1988) Journal of Immunological Methods 112: 227-233 reports a serum-free medium which is able to support primary antibody responses by cultured murine lymphocytes. medium is based on a basal medium supplemented with B-5 cyclodextrin, insulin, transferrin, albumin, low density lipoprotein, putrescine and alanine.

It is an object of the invention to provide serumfree media for the culture of mammalian cells. It is also object of the invention to provide serum-free media for the 10 culture of mammalian cells transformed to produce recombinant products that increase product yield. It is yet another object of the invention to provide serum-free media for the culture of CHO cells.

Summary of the Invention

15 The present invention provides media for the culture of mammalian cells. The invention is more particularly pointed out in the appended claims and is described in its preferred embodiments in the following description.

Detailed Description of the Invention

The media of the invention are useful for the 20 culture of mammalian cells. The media of the invention have been found to be useful in the culture of Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, and HAK cells, a baby hamster kidney cell line. The media of the invention have been found not suitable for the culture of myeloma cell lines. 25

Cells may be grown in batch and continuous culture with the serum-free media of the invention. CHO cells grown in the media of the invention reach higher cell density and show increased recombinant product secretion when compared to 30 CHO cells grown in a serum-containing medium.

The cell culture media of the invention are prepared by adding components to a basal medium designed for mammalian cell culture. The media are prepared in accordance with standard procedures for preparing cell culture media.

Suitable basal media include standard mammalian cell 35 culture media such as Ham's medium, Waymouth MB 752/1 medium, Eagle's medium, Williams E medium, 199 medium and derived

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media of the types MEM and MEMα and any combinations of these media. Other standard media used for the culture of mammalian cells are also suitable for use in the invention. A preferred basal medium is the basal medium of Example 1. The preferred 5 basal medium supports cell growth and significantly reduces the size of cell clumps in the media during cell culture.

A yeast hydrolysate such as Yeastolate is added to the basal medium in the amount of from about 0.1 to about 10.0 grams per liter, preferably in an amount of about 5 grams per 10 liter.

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Albumin or dextran is added to the basal medium in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 5.0 grams per liter. Preferably either bovine serum albumin or dextran having a molecular weight of about 500,000 is added to the basal 15 medium. Bovine serum albumin is preferably added in the amount of from about 0.1 to about 0.5 grams per liter. Dextran having a molecular weight of about 500,000 such as Dextran T500 is preferably added to the basal medium in the amount from about 0.1 to about 1.0 grams per liter.

Insulin is added to the basal medium in the amount of from about 2.0 to about 20 milligrams per milliliter, preferably in the amount of about 10 milligrams per liter.

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Transferrin or transferrin substitute is added to the basal medium in the amount of from about 0 to about 100.0 25 micrograms per milliliter. Transferrin may be substituted in the medium with ferric fructose (from about 1.0 to about 10.0 milligrams per liter), ferric citrate (from about 1.0 to about 100.0 milligrams per liter), or ferrous sulfate (from about 5.0 micromoles to about 200.0 micromoles per liter).

A mixture of the fatty acids oleic, linoleic and linolenic are added to the basal medium in the ratio of oleic 0.6: linoleic 1: linolenic 0.14 milligrams per liter of medium. In preferred embodiments of the invention, keeping this ratio of fatty acids, oleic acid is preferably added to 35 the basal medium in the amount of from about 0.012 to about 0.12 milligrams per liter; linoleic acid is preferably added to the basal medium in the amount of from about 0.2 to about

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5.0 milligrams per liter; linolenic acid is added to the medium in the amount of from about 0.028 to about 0.7 milligrams per liter. Cholesterol is added to the basal medium in the amount of from about 0 to about 10.0 milligrams per liter.

In a preferred embodiment of the invention which is described in further detail in Example 2, calcium chloride (CaCl₂) (anhydrous) is added to the basal medium in the amount of from about 0 to about 200 milligrams per liter, preferably in the amount of about 66.67 milligrams per liter. Magnesium sulfate (MgSO₄) (anhydrous) is added to the basal medium in the amount of from about 0 to about 100.0 milligrams per liter, preferably in the amount of about 24 milligrams per liter.

The pH of the medium is preferably from about 6.8 to about 7.4. The osmolarity of the medium is preferably from about 280 to 360 milliosmoles.

The basal medium may be stored as a powder at 4°C for one year. The complete medium (basal medium with added supplements) in a liquid form may be stored at 4°C for six months.

Preferred embodiments of the invention are described in the following Examples.

Example 1 Preparation of Basal Medium

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The components in the basal media are mixed and 25 ball-mill ground to formulate a homogeneous powder. The powdered media is then dispensed into 100L packets and stored at 4°C.

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milligrams/liter

BASAL MEDIUM COMPONENTS: MR1 SERUM-FREE MEDIA

COMPONENTS

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	INORGANIC SALTS/TRACE ELEMENTS	
	NaCl	7066.333000
	KCL	341.200000
	NaH2PO4.H2O	93.333000
	Na2HPO4	47.347000
	MgC12 6H20	4.050000
	MgSO4 (anhydrous)	6.510000
	CuSO4.5H20	0.000866
	Fe(NO3)3.9H20	0.000033
	FeSO4.7H20	0.278000
	ZnSO4.7H20	0.287700
	MnC12.4H20	0.000033
	Na2Se03 (anhyd)	0.172900
	AMINO ACIDS	
	L-Alanine	41.300000
	L-Arginine HCl	112.546700
	L-Arginine FB	16.666000
	L-Asparagine H20	28.336700
	L-Aspartic Acid	24.433300
	L-Cystine 2HC1	19.116600
	L-Cysteine HC1.H20	45.040000
	L-Cysteine FB	13.333300
	L-Glutamic Acid	46.566700
	L-Glutamine	292.00000
	Glycine	35.833300
	L-Histidine HC1.H20	20.986700
	L-Histidine FB	5.00000
	L-Isoleucine	35.480000
	L-Leucine	46.833300
	L-Lysine HC1	65.486600
	L-Methionine	11.493300
	L-Phenylalanine	20.653300
	L-Proline	34.833300
L-Serine L-Threonine		15.166700
		33.300000
	L-Tryptophan	7.346700
	L-Tyrosine 2Na2H2O	36.776700
	L-Valine	35.900000
	VITAMINS/MISC. COMPONENTS	
	Dextrose	4500.000000
	Putrescine 2HCl	0.053700
	Sodium Pyruvate	81.666700
	Ascorbic Acid	17.333300
	Biotin	0.202400
	D-Calcium Pantothenate	. 0.160000
	Sodium Pantothenate	0.337330

	Choline Chloride	
	Folic Acid	5.486700
	i-Inositol	1.100000
		7.333300
5	Nicotinamide	0.679000
5	Na2 alpha Tocopherol PO4	0.003300
	Glutathione (Reduced)	0.016700
	Menadione Na Bisulfite	0.003300
	Pyridoxine HCl	0.020700
	Pyridoxal HCl	
10	Riboflavin	0.666700
	Thiamine HCl	0.079300
	Vitamin B12	0.780000
	Calciferol	0.973300
15	Methyl Linoleate	0.033300
	Vitamin A Acetate	0.010000
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	Linoleic Acid	0.028000
	Lipoic Acid	0.136700

Preparation of Basal Medium - for a final volume of 100L Ninety liters of deionized-distilled water is measured into an appropriate mixing vessel. One 100L packet of ball-mill ground powdered media (see above) is added. The pH of the medium is adjusted to 7.2 using 1N HCl. The volume of the medium is brought to 100L by the addition of water. The medium may then be sterilized by membrane filtration using a

25 0.2 micron cellulose acetate filter.

Example 2 Preparation of Medium MR1-3

Medium MR1-3 contains the basal medium of Example 1 supplemented with 5,000 mg/l TC Yeastolate (Difco, Detroit, Michigan), 500 mg/l bovine serum albumin (BSA) (Armour,

- 30 Kankakee, Illinois) 10 mg/l bovine insulin (Waitaki, Toronto, Canada), 10 mg/l bovine transferrin (Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, Missouri), 0.12 mg/l oleic acid (Ameresco, Cleveland, Ohio), 0.20 mg/l linoleic acid (Ameresco), 0.028 mg/l linolenic acid (Ameresco), 2 mg/l cholesterol (Ameresco),
- 35 66.67 mg/l anhydrous calcium chloride, and 24 mg/l anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The medium is prepared as follows:

For a final volume of 100L

- Measure 90 liters of deionized-distilled water into an appropriate mixing vessel.
- 40 2. Add one 100L packet of ball-mill ground powdered media (from Example 1).
 - Add 2.4 grams of MgSO₄ (anhydrous) and mix until dissolved.
 - 4. Add 6.7 grams of CaCl₂ (anhydrous) and mix until

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dissolved.

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- 5. Add 500 grams of TC Yeastolate, mix until dissolved.
- 6. Add 50 grams of BSA, mix until dissolved.
- 7. Add 220 grams of NaHCO3, mix until dissolved.
- 5 8. Add 1 gram of insulin, 1 gram of transferrin (or 100 ml of ferric fructose) and mix until dissolved.
 - 9. Dissolve 12 mg of Oleic acid, 20 mg of Linoleic acid, 2.8 mg of Linolenic acid, and 200 mg of cholesterol in 100 mls of absolute ethanol, and add this fatty acid mix to the mixing vessel.

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- 10. Adjust the pH to 7.2 using 1N HC1.
- 11. Bring the volume to 100 liters and mix thoroughly.
- 12. Filter sterilize using a 0.2 micron cellulose acetate filter.
- 15 13. Check osmolarity and record.
 - 14. Store at 4°C for up to six months.

Example 3 Preparation of Medium MR1-6

Medium MR1-6 is contains the basal medium of Example 1 supplemented with 5,000 mg/l TC Yeastolate (Difco, Detroit, 20 MIchigan), 500 mg/l bovine serum albumin (Armour, Kankakee, Illinois), 10 mg/l bovine insulin (Waitaki, Toronto, Canada), 10 mg/l bovine transferrin (Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, Missouri), 0.12 mg/l oleic acid (Ameresco, Cleveland, Ohio), 0.20 mg/l linoleic acid (Ameresco), 0.028 mg/l linolenic acid (Ameresco), and 2 mg/l cholesterol (Ameresco). The medium is prepared in the same way as medium MR1-3 in Example 2 except that steps 3 and 4 are omitted. In this medium no additional MgSO₄ or CaCl, is added.

Example 4 Preparation of Medium MR1-7.

30 Medium MR1-7 contains the basal medium of Example 1 supplemented with 5,000 mg/l TC Yeastolate (Difco, Detroit, Michigan), 1,000 mg/l Dextran T-500 (Pharmacia, Piscataway, New Jersey), 10 mg/l bovine insulin (Waitaki, Toronto, Canada), 10 mg/l bovine transferrin (Sigma Chemical Co, St. Louis, Missouri), 0.12 mg/l oleic acid (Ameresco, Cleveland, Ohio), 0.20 mg/l linoleic acid (Ameresco), 0.028 mg/l linolenic acid (Ameresco), and 2 mg/l cholesterol (Ameresco). Medium MR1-7 is prepared in the same way as medium MR1-3 in Example 2 except that steps 3 and 4 are omitted and Dextran T-500 replaces bovine serum albumin in step 6. At step 6, 100

grams of Dextran T-500 are added and mixed until dissolved.

Example 5 Cell Culture

CHO cells transformed to produce soluble T4, a soluble form of the T-4 lymphocytic cell receptor (cell line 37-80N), were cultured in four different media: serum containing medium 5 Alpha (-) MEM/5% Fetal bovine serum (FBS), and the media described in Examples 2, 3, and 4. 5×10^5 cells per milliliter were cultured for 7 days after seeding in 250 ml SP flasks with 150 ml of medium. Total cell number was determined by Coulter counter, and viability was determined 10 by trypan blue dye exclusion using a hemocytometer. Concentration of ST4 was determined by an ELISA-based assay. At day two after seeding, the serum-free media showed greater number of cells than the serum containing medium. In serumcontaining medium, there were approximately 1.3 x 106 cells, 15 whereas in the serum-free media there were approximately 1.6 x 106 cells. At days 3 through 7 significantly more cells were present in the serum-free media than the serum containing At day 3, there were approximately 2.4 \times 10⁶ cells in the serum-containing medium and approximately 3.3 \times 10⁶ 20 cells in the serum-free media. At day 4, the total number of cells in the serum-containing medium had dropped slightly to about 2.25 x 106 cells. In contrast, the number of cells in the serum-free media had increased to approximately 3.6 \times 10⁶ cells in MR1-7, 4.1 \times 10⁶ cells in MR1-3, and 4.3 \times 10⁶ cells 25 in MR1-6. By day 7, the total number of cells in medium MR1-7 had increased to approximately 4.0×10^6 cell, and the number of cels in the other media remained at levels comparable to the levels at day 4.

By three days post seeding, cells grown in the serumfree media produced significantly more sT4 than did cells
grown in the serum containing medium. The difference in
amount of sT4 product became more pronounced at days 4-7. At
day 7, cells cultured in the serum free media produced from
about 75 to 87 micrograms of sT4 per milliliter of medium,
whereas cells cultured in the serum containing medium produced
about 35 micrograms of sT4 per milliliter of medium.

Claims

- 1. A serum-free mammalian cell culture medium comprising:
- (a) a synthetic basal medium designed for mammalian cell culture;
- (b) about 0.1 to about 10 grams per liter hydrolyzed
 5 yeast;
 - (c) about 0.1 to about 5 grams per liter of dextran or albumin;
 - (d) about 2 to about 20 milligrams per liter insulin;
- (e) 0 to about 100 milligrams per liter of a compound
 selected from the group consisting of transferrin, ferric fructose, ferrous citrate and ferrous sulfate; and
 - (f) a fatty acid component consisting of oleic acid,linoleic acid and linolenic acid in a ratio of about 0.6:10.14 milligrams of fatty acid per liter.
 - 2. The serum free mammalian cell culture medium of claim 1 further comprising 0 to about 10 milligrams per liter cholesterol.
 - 3. The serum-free mammalian cell culture medium of claim 1 further comprising 0 to about 200 milligrams per liter anhydrous calcium chloride and 0 to about 100 milligrams per liter anhydrous magnesium sulfate.
 - 4. The medium of claim 1 wherein said hydrolyzed yeast is present in the medium in the amount of about five grams per liter.
 - 5. The medium of claim 1 wherein albumin is present in said medium in the amount of about 0.5 grams per liter.
 - 6. The medium of claim 5 wherein said albumin is bovine serum albumin.
 - 7. The medium of claim 1 wherein said dextran is present in said medium in the amount of about one gram per liter.
 - 8. The medium of claim 7 wherein said dextran is dextran having a molecular weight of about 500,000.
 - 9. The medium of claim 1 wherein said insulin is present in said medium in the amount of about 10 milligrams per liter.
 - 10. The medium of claim 1 wherein transferrin is present in

the amount of about 10 milligrams per liter.

- 11. The medium of claim 1 wherein oleic acid is present in the amount of about 0.12 milligrams per liter; linoleic acid is present in the amount of about 0.20 milligrams per liter; and linolenic acid is present in the amount of about 0.028 milligrams per liter.
 - 12. The medium of claim 2 wherein cholesterol is present in the amount of about two milligrams per liter.
 - 13. The medium of claim 3 wherein said calcium chloride is present in the amount of about 66 to about 67 milligrams per liter; and magnesium sulfate is present in the amount of about 24 milligrams per liter.
 - 14. A serum-free mammalian cell culture medium comprising:
 - (a) a synthetic basal medium designed for mammalian cell culture:
 - (b) about 5 grams per liter hydrolyzed yeast;
- 5 (c) about 1 gram per liter of albumin;
 - (d) about 10 milligrams per liter insulin;
 - (e) about 10 milligrams per milliliter transferrin;
- (f) a fatty acid component consisting of about 0.12 milligrams per liter oleic acid, about 0.20 milligrams per 10 liter linoleic acid and about 0.028 milligrams per liter linolenic acid; and
 - (g) about 2 milligrams per liter cholesterol;
 - 15. The medium of claim 14 further comprising

about 66 to about 67 milligrams per liter anhydrous calcium chloride; and

about 24 milligrams per liter anhydrous magnesium sulfate.

- 16. A serum-free mammalian cell culture medium comprising:
 - (a) a synthetic basal medium designed for mammalian cell culture:
 - (b) about 5 grams per liter hydrolyzed yeast;
- 5 (c) about 1 gram per liter dextran having a molecular weight of about 500,000;
 - (d) about 10 milligrams per liter insulin;
 - (e) about 10 milligrams per liter transferrin;
 - (f) a fatty acid component consisting of about 0.12

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10 milligrams per liter oleic acid, about 0.20 milligrams per liter linoleic acid and about 0.028 milligrams per liter linolenic acid; and

(g) about 2 milligrams per liter cholesterol.

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